

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to mandate that their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. As a dwindling number of large corporations control the airwaves, we receive more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need to nurture our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Sincerely